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Citizens Discuss and Vote on Options: New School Building vs. Renovation

by Mary Lou Williamson

"We're dealing with two goods," said Ben Abramowitz at the Citizens For Greenbelt meeting on Thursday, January 26. Seventy citizens met to discuss whether the organization should support the renovation of Center School to continue as an elementary school or to construct a new school at the North End site. Next week the Prince Georges School system will mail a survey on the issue to Greenbelt residents and parents of children attending Center School.

His view echoed those later in the meeting, as Mayor Gil Weidenfeld summed up the balanced views of various speakers throughout the evening. More frequently we come here to fight against a negative, he said. Weidenfeld offered two visions of Greenbelt in the Year 2000. In one, he said, we have a renovated school at Center with a new heating plant, air conditioning and an elevator. The North End is available as a community center, having drawn funds from city, county and state for renovation of all or most of the building with a lot of programs.

The other vision is of a new school at the North End site on two levels and with new ball fields. The building and fields offer space for community programs during non-school hours. Center School would be available as a community and cultural center, having a TV studio and maybe the entire city offices and a museum. There are really two questions to answer, he said: what school would provide a better education and what building would best serve the city for its programs?

The group at the meeting was evenly divided, with eight speaking for a new school and eight calling for renovation. The vote of the members, later in the evening after a number of people had left, split less evenly, with 17 favoring a new school and 10 for renovation. Abramowitz, taking a positive stand on both sides, said Greenbelt will "not lose either way."

Teachers' Views

Dr. John Van Schoonhoven, principal of Center School for 13 years, and two of his teachers spoke for a new school. "The

playground is very small and Braden Field (for my class) is totally unrealistic," said Center's kindergarten teacher, of 20 years, Anza Manning, adding, "We need to be near the building for the bathroom." Sending a five-year-old to the cafeteria, a long and perilous journey, can be risky she said.

Fourth-grade teacher and Greenbelt resident Barbara Jackson spoke of the liability of the stairwells. As teachers, she said, we can't get up the stairs or around the corners and keep an eye on the entire class "Little boys love to be where you can't see them."

Van Schoonhoven handed out materials from the school board's architect, R.C. Garcia, showing both the plans for a renovated Center School and an example of what the new two-level school might look like. If a new school is selected, he added, the plans would be adjusted to accommodate the particular needs of the Greenbelt school and the site.

Renovation of Center School

"There's a lot more involved," said longtime resident Tony Pisano, who spoke for renovation. "It's money!" Not interested in what the county might pay for either choice, Pisano pointedly said: I'm interested in "what it would cost us . . . \$3 million more to pay, of your taxes, if we have to take over (and renovate) Center School"

City councilmember Thomas X White agreed. If Center is no longer an educational facility and if Greenbelt is given that "prize," he said "it is a huge dollar burden, \$6.8 million to renovate, that's Greenbelt dollars. Consider all the issues," he told citizens. "I hope we stick to preserving Center School."

For the past five years, he said, "the community and city government had been unified in struggling for renovation of Center School. Something happened to change that this summer . . . out of the public view." He challenged the idea that North End School has a corner on the best education. "I heard (school superintendent) John Murphy say that whatever Greenbelt decides, (we) can provide a quality program in Greenbelt."

"A restored Center School will be the exceptional facility," stated Bill Stratton, long-time resi-

dent and architect. What you're seeing now is a "tired and worn school that hasn't been maintained because renovation was expected. Modern times demand fixing up old buildings," he said.

"There isn't a soul in this room or in Greenbelt that doesn't want the best for their children," declared Al Herling. He had been surprised to hear someone at an earlier meeting say that elementary school children don't care about the historical and social importance of the Center School building. "I am outraged if the kids have not been instructed on the significance." The Center School building is too precious not to be used, he said — a view with which Ruth Kastner concurred. She called Center School a perfectly good building and criticized those who are "hooked on the new."

North End School

Marie Tousignant of Lakeside led off for those who strongly preferred a new school building on the North End site. She spoke, she said, as a private person interested in the arts center, which is looking for a home. "Greenbelt should have a multi-generational facility and North End is too small for everything." She was concerned about people unfamiliar with Greenbelt being able to find an arts center in North End. "The present Center school building is a beautiful facility. It could serve all the uses considered for the North End and then some."

Ron Ott, of Boxwood, agreed. Greenbelt needs a modernized educational facility. He was pleased by the school board's willingness to construct a new school in the North End, he said. "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth."

"I understand the importance of social and cultural (advantages of Center)," said Cynthia Dial, nine-year resident of Plateau

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Council Set to Condemn Two Parcels for Parkland

by Betsy Likowski

Council moved to condemn two parcels of land to use as city park land: Parcel 1 in the city's north end, and the Steiner property next to the Schrom Hills Park. At its regular meeting on Monday, January 23 council also approved public tours of North End and Center Schools, hired a development manager for the indoor pool, and discussed changes in the law that will affect residency requirements for Green Ridge House.

A resolution was introduced for first reading to authorize the city solicitor to take legal steps to condemn Parcel 1. Final action on the resolution will be taken at the next meeting following a public hearing.

Parcel 1 is the 102-acre wooded tract of land north of Northway extended, east of Ridge Road, and west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. At its November 29, 1988 meeting council directed city staff to enter into negotiations with the contract purchaser and/or owner of Parcel 1 for purchase of the land. The city did not receive a response to its offer to purchase.

Council passed a resolution to begin legal action to condemn the Steiner property. The 1.28-acre parcel of land sits north of

Hanover Parkway and is surrounded on three sides by Schrom Hills Park.

In the master plan for the park the Steiner property is shown as being used as the main entrance to the park and as a soccer field. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, said, at the meeting, that the city is still open to working

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SCHOOL TOURS

City officials have arranged for interested citizens to see inside both Center Elementary School and the old North End School. Saturday, Feb. 4. Please see ad on page 2 for more details.

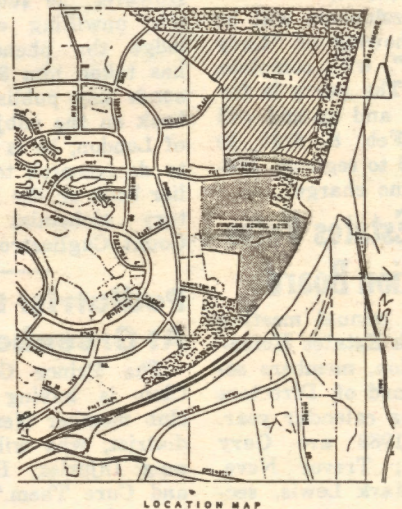


OFFICIAL NOTICE Public Hearing on Aquisition of Parcel 1 (102.59 Acres)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1989
8:00 P.M. — CITY COUNCIL ROOM
GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MARYLAND

The City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland will conduct a public hearing on whether or not to adopt "A Resolution to Authorize the Condemnation of Certain Real Estate in the City of Greenbelt Maryland for the Purpose of Providing Additional Parkland and Open Space Within the City of Greenbelt." This resolution authorizes the City Manager and City Solicitor to file the appropriate legal action to condemn the property commonly known as Parcel 1 and which is identified for taxation and assessment purposes as Parcel 10, Prince Georges County, Tax Map 27. This parcel is located in the northeast corner of the City (see map) with principal access being from the end of Plateau Place. The resolution authorizes the condemnation for the purpose of parkland and open space for the benefit of all of the citizens of Greenbelt.



LOCATION MAP

In a condemnation proceeding, the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County will determine if the ownership of the property should be transferred to the City and the amount the City shall pay the owners as compensation for the property.

The most recent estimate of value placed upon the property for budget purposes by the City Manager is \$1,400,000. The contract purchaser of the property, Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc., has indicated a willingness to sell the property for a price in excess of \$4,000,000. Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc. has indicated its wish to develop the property with single family homes.

Any person wishing to express a view on this proposal may do so at the Public Hearing by addressing a letter to the Greenbelt City Council, 25 Crescent Road. Any correspondence received will be made part of the record of the Public Hearing.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., Feb. 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tours of Center School and
North End School

Wed., Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Park &
Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting, Youth Center

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Martin Marietta Sponsors Computer-Interest Explorers

Martin Marietta Data Systems, located in Greenbelt, is sponsoring an Explorer Post in data processing for area youth interested in gaining hands-on experience with computers.

Explorer Post 1275 meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Martin Marietta's offices, 6303 Ivy Lane. Post membership is open to any boy or girl 14 to 20 years of age.

Post members regularly will use personal computers to gain experience in four different computer uses: desktop publishing, word processing, spread sheets and main frame programming.

A field trip to Martin Marietta's robotics division in Baltimore is planned during the coming weeks.

For further information, call John O'Donnell at 982-6534.

SHL Children Invited To Valentine's Party

The Children of Springhill Lake are invited to a Valentine's Day party to make their own Valentine's Day cards. Boys and girls age 5 and up can make Valentines for their loved ones—Mom, Dad, Grandma, as well as secret loves. A handmade card is a great way to say "I love you, Be my Valentine."

Valentine refreshments will be served, and a showing of "Lady and the Tramp" will complete the atmosphere. The party is for children age five and up and will be Wednesday Feb. 8, 6:30 to 7:30. Please call to register, 474-4555. There is no charge.

Greenbrook Estates Votes New Association Board

At the second annual meeting of the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association, members selected a new Board of Directors for the upcoming calendar year. Directors for 1989 are Gary Kohn, president; Trevor Neve, vice-president; Mark Lewis, secretary; Ken Borrows, treasurer; Tim Sechrist.

Homeowners at the well-attended meeting experienced one of the board's monthly business meetings, including reports from the Grounds and Architectural Committees. The board heard concerns from several homeowners.

County councilmember Richard Castaldi and city councilmember Ed Putens, both homeowners in the Estates, were introduced to those in attendance.

The board's next regular meeting will be Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Room 143.

Sherlock Holmes Expert To Lecture at Library

by Tom Simon

Michael Harrison, author, antiquarian and Sherlockian, will present a lecture at the Greenbelt Branch Library on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. Harrison, who has written over 60 books including *In The Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes* and a forthcoming examination of spontaneous human combustion, will talk about his diverse interests:

Harrison, who wrote his first book, a novel, in 1934, is best known for his works of Sherlock Holmes scholarship. He is also an authority on Edgar Allan Poe, having written a series of stories that continue the adventures of Poe's legendary detective, C. Auguste Dupin. Originally appearing in *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*, they were collected in a volume entitled *The Exploits Of The Chevalier Dupin* and published in the U.S. in 1972.

His interest in spontaneous human combustion began after his wartime service in British M.I. He joined a London public relations firm where he was assigned to a fire prevention campaign. Here he first came across the phenomenon of spontaneous human combustion. However, he found the authorities unwilling even to acknowledge the phenomenon and it has taken him 30 years to persuade any publisher to accept a book on the subject. A resident of London, he is visiting the U.S. to do research to update an earlier book on the Eighteenth Century alchemist and impostor Count Cagliostro.

Podiatrist to Speak At Greenbelt Library

The Prince Georges Running Club is having as a speaker club member Neal O'Hara, a podiatrist, who will discuss "Running Injuries, How to Prevent and Cure Them." The talk will be at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 6 in the basement meeting room of the Greenbelt library. The public is welcome as well as anyone interested in running and jogging or the Prince Georges Running Club. For more information, call 474-9362.

Green Belt Tours

Members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt will conduct guided tours of the green belt each Saturday. On Feb. 4 at noon, the tour will start at the end of Northway. Call Paul at 474-4653 or Rodney at 345-5427 for information.

Philharmonic at PGCC

The Prince Georges Philharmonic Orchestra will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a concert of American music on Saturday, February 11, at 8 p.m. in the Queen Anne Fine Arts Theater at Prince Georges Community College.

Roger Mudd, of the MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour, will narrate Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. Winners of the Metropolitan Opera's regional competition, Marymal Holmes and Reginald Pindell, will sing excerpts from George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."

The orchestra has been heard twice recently on the nationally broadcast program *Performance Today*, produced by National Public Radio.

Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance by calling the Philharmonic office at 864-7358.

Golden Age Club

Schedule for February:

Thursday, February 9 - American Legion Luncheon.

Wednesday, February 15 - The speaker will be Ms. Thayer from the Alzheimer Support Group.

Wednesday, February 22 - Ms. Rene Cochran from the Dept. of Aging, Prince Georges County, will discuss "Pets on Wheels."

The Wednesday meetings are at the Youth Center, beginning at 11 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

THANKS

I would like to thank the gentlemen of the Rescue Squad who answered my call Christmas night to take my mother Edith Carr to the hospital. Thank you for your gentleness and kindness to both my mother and myself.

I also want to thank the Rescue Squad for taking me to the hospital Wednesday, January 25. You have all been so kind to both of us. I apologize for taking so long in thanking you.

Evelyn Carr

Thanks

When Center School had a Book Fair fundraiser, we needed 300 plastic bags for books bought at the Fair. I went to the Co-op and was given the plastic bags immediately. It's a pleasure and a privilege to live and work in a community with people willing to help "provide for the common good." Thanks to the Co-op management for a generous and cheerfully given contribution to Center School children's education.

Jean Rashkin

INDOOR FLEA MARKET ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.

There will be an organizational meeting for the Feb. 18 indoor flea market on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the arts and crafts room in the lower level of the

Secure Parcel 1

I had a wonderful experience this past weekend. I took one of the Saturday tours through Parcel 1 at the end of Northway. I guess we all lose touch with nature around us, always expecting it to be there. But Parcel 1 is threatened to be replaced by townhouses or other development. After experiencing the quietness of the woods, listening to the wind through the tree tops and feeling the peacefulness, it would be a shame to lose this piece of land to development. I hope other Greenbelt residents go out to Parcel 1 and take a walk in the woods (there are plenty of trails) and come away feeling as I did and will continue to feel about that land.

I urge city council to proceed with whatever means necessary to secure Parcel 1. I hope my fellow Greenbelters will also take a moment of their time to let city council know that they feel this land is worth saving and that they support council's efforts to secure Parcel 1.

Time is running out. Once it is too late, there is no turning back. We all need some place to go to find some peace and quiet from our hectic lives, a place to put our lives into perspective. I hope those woods will always be there to do just that.

Jan Berdeguez

Youth Center building.

Anyone interested in participating in the flea market is urged to attend.

Official Notice

FREE TOURS

CENTER SCHOOL
and
NORTH END SCHOOL

Saturday, February 4, 1989
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Guided Tours will be held every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour beginning at 10:00 a.m.

FREE TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN SCHOOLS
WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY

The City Council of Greenbelt, in cooperation with the Prince Georges County Board of Education and Greenbelt Center School, has arranged for conducted tours to be given at each school facility so that interested parents, students, teachers, and citizens may become more familiar with the existing conditions at the two buildings prior to responding to the Board of Education survey questionnaire on whether to renovate Center School or build a new school at the site of the former North End School, and conversely, whether the city shall rehabilitate the old North End School for use as a multigenerational multipurpose community center or rehabilitate the Center School as a community center.

TOURS AT CENTER SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT THE GYMNASIUM MULTIPURPOSE ROOM. USE SCHOOL PARKING LOT ENTRANCE.

TOURS OF NORTH END SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT THE LOBBY TO THE NEW ADDITION. USE THE SECOND FRONT ENTRANCE WEST OF THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

Important Survey

Next week the school system will be mailing a survey to all Greenbelt residents and to parents of children attending Center School. The Board of Education and our city's leaders want to know whether the community wants a new elementary school at the abandoned North End school site or if a renovated school in the existing Center School building is preferable.

Both options will cost about the same amount of money, and the projects will be financed by the state.

It's important that all Greenbelters and not just parents return the completed postage-paid survey, because the decision to build anew or to renovate will affect all of us—not just our children who will attend the school. Should the school board decide to build a new school at North End, the existing Center School would be available to the city as a community center. While a vote for a new school would provide a state-of-the-art educational center for our children, it should also mean a commitment by all of us to see that our past is properly preserved in a community center within the halls of the old Center School building.

Whichever option you prefer, please vote for it by mailing the postage-prepaid survey card back to the school board for counting.

Suzanne M. Plogman

Board of Education Member

Unarguable Goal

Cheers to Sandra Barnes for her letter on restoring Center School to a Community Building. She states the background well and offers good advice. Since becoming a Greenbelt resident in 1954, my family and I have enjoyed using the Center School/Community Building for meetings, church, theatrical events and the Greenbelt Library when it was located there.

There is no question that we need a sizable community activity center, and the Community Building is the most rational choice for citizen participation and enjoyment. As for renovation costs of the Community Building, what are the possibilities of county funding assistance in exchange for the North End site for the new school?

A greatly improved elementary school in Greenbelt is the unarguable goal and I see no choice other than a new school building at the North End site if we want it to be the best possible facility for our children as well as the least disruptive to them during the building process.

Lastly, as a Woodland Hills resident, I must point out that Mark Davis' letter of last week does not speak for me in this matter. I wonder how many other Woodland Hills residents feel likewise?

George Anderson

Delay Survey

City council (with the notable exception of Tom White) has been shockingly remiss in not informing citizens that there is much more at stake in the school board survey than just where our children will attend school. The city has not had a single public hearing to discuss the \$4-6 million initial outlay, the almost quarter-million-dollar maintenance cost, the 200 parking places required for the proposed office/community/recreational center (say goodbye to open areas around Center School), or the 1000 traffic trips per day generated by this use.

The time to discuss these is-

Letters to the Editor

sues is before the survey, not after. Once the school board has made its decision, it will be too late. We will be stuck with an enormous financial liability and much of the green space in the city's core have been paved over.

And since the city's ability to sell bonds is limited to \$3 million, we could be forced to give up on this expensive project—leaving us with a vacant building and no community center—or to forfeit another capital project that we're already committed to.

Instead of sitting idly by while Greenbelt citizens are forced to make a snap decision, city council should demand that the school board delay their survey and decision until after a public hearing in which options have been clearly laid out and funding sources identified.

The school board hasn't proven to me that a new building is going to make any real difference in our children's education.

If Center School were closed it could well be the worst thing that ever happened to this city.

Save your community. Vote "For" renovating Center School.

Charles Hagelgans

Beyond Our Means

A logical evaluation of the available facts points to the conclusion that the option to renovate the Center School building as a community center is beyond our means. The sheer magnitude of the cost, together with our experience of the past four years, is the basis for this conclusion. The city manager's estimate for the city to renovate the Center School building as a community center is nearly seven million dollars. Since 1984, the city has accumulated \$1,000,000 through taxes and grants towards a community center at the North End School site. Another \$144,400 may become available if a day care provider is found. A projection based on these numbers would put the anticipated completion date of a renovated community center at the Center School site in the year 2013.

The possibility of moving small children and senior citizens into an unrenovated building that is in violation of code for fire safety and electrical systems, is clearly ill-advised.

The proposal to move city or county offices into the Center School building provides no benefit to the citizens other than taking up space in the building.

Would we be risking funds needed for the construction of an indoor pool and the preservation of the "green belt" (parcel 1) in favor of a community center at Center School?

The most feasible option is to insist that council step up action on acquiring funds for a community center at the North End School site — an option which is within our means.

Catherine Meetre

Pure Fantasy

Greenbelt citizens should take a hard look at the financial burden the city and its taxpayers would face if the Board of Education decides against renovation of Greenbelt Center School.

Proponents of the new school at North End and of the city taking over the existing Center School as a community building are dealing in pure fantasy if they believe that the City of Greenbelt can raise the necessary \$7 million that required renovation of the community building is estimated to cost.

More importantly, Greenbelt

taxpayers should evaluate the proposal very carefully before we find ourselves saddled with a building we can't afford.

Let me explain: Up until this summer, the entire community of Greenbelt supported the long-planned renovation by the county of the historic Center School. The city has, on a number of occasions, urged that the project be funded and completed. Sometime toward the end of the summer, out of public view the concept of abandoning the renovation project and building a new school arose — and has since divided the community. By considering such an alternative the Board of Education has turned an educational project into a project with serious and potentially devastating consequences for the community.

Here's why: Previously, we were going to get a renovated Center School paid for by the county and state. As for the proposed Intergenerational Center at the old North End site, the city would have continued planning (however slowly) and seeking funds for a full range of options available to it. (The options range from approximately \$700,000 for razing the structure to \$2,900,000 for complete renovation, depending on how much of the building is renovated.) The range of options would hopefully address the longstanding need for city programs in the North End.

Let me emphasize that the community and city council could make the decision regarding the North End facility based on agreed-upon needs and available resources. This is not so with the questionable plan for the city to take over the much older, larger and historic Greenbelt Center School. That undertaking would be greatly hampered with restrictions placed on designated historic buildings.

As noted, the city staff estimate for renovation of the Center School building for other city programs and uses approaches \$7,000,000. Such a large amount of money is not likely to be raised from any source (state, county or city). In fact, if it is easy to obtain such funds, why has the North End project languished for so long? Why are we short of funds for the improvement of Roosevelt Center? Why did we have to defer other needed capital projects when the bond issue funds were exhausted by just a few projects? The answer is simply that the capital needs of the City of Greenbelt far outstretch our financial capacity.

The Solution: Let the Board of Education renovate Center School so that it can serve the educational needs of Greenbelt children for another 50 years. Let the city finalize its decision-making for a North End Center that we can afford. And, finally, let's have a thorough needs analysis of all the capital projects that need funding and develop a plan supported by the citizens of Greenbelt for achieving it. You can help get this program underway by completing the Board of Education survey and noting your preference for renovating Center School.

Thomas X. White

Center Built as a School

In a city like ours noted for its understanding of history, the January 26 letter to the Editor by Sandy Barnes ("Restore Center School . . .") misses the fundamental point that Center

School was designed to be the community's school from day one. The planners crafted the building to serve as an educational facility. Before the city worship houses were built, the school served other functions too. Center School and other public buildings serve varied purposes today. All have an original purpose and Center School was to serve as an educational building for the new community. It was a school in 1937 and should be a school in the year 2012. The removal of the Center School as an educational facility does irreparable harm to the concept of Greenbelt as a planned community because it removes one of the key pieces to the original plan.

Keith Chernikoff

Top Priority: Our Children

I have been monitoring the North End-Center School controversy over these last several weeks and have appreciated the arguments on both sides. However, our top priority must be what will be best for the education and well-being of our children. On this basis, a clear choice emerges — a new school at the North End site would provide a superior facility.

No one is questioning that the Center School building has historical significance for our city nor is anyone seeking its abandonment. However, its 51-year-old plant simply is no longer conducive to providing the quality of education and safety that a new, modern school will offer, regardless of how much renovation occurs. On the other hand, I sincerely believe that the Center building's heritage can be preserved for many years to come if it is restored to city ownership and used, as it once was, as an intergenerational Community Center.

For educational purposes, a modern facility built at the North End site would ensure that students and teachers have a school designed to provide the finest quality education for the next 50 years. No one is denying the importance of our past, but historic preservation must not deny the best possible future for our children.

Experts within the county school system and the principal and teachers at the Center School have spoken in favor of a new school as "the best educational decision." If we can entrust them with the welfare of our children five days a week, we ought to respect that they are not trying to sell us "a bill of goods" about the need for a new school, as some have suggested.

A new school would alleviate student and teacher trauma from having to maneuver through five stories of hallways and stairways to reach decentralized common areas. It would provide on-site recreation and parking facilities that there is no room for at Center School. It would also avert the necessity of having our children bused elsewhere for two or more years if Center School was restored as a county school.

Let's avoid disrupting family lives and exposing our children to the perils of our already congested roads. The greatest asset our community has for its future is its children. I urge fellow Greenbelters to support a new school at the North End site as the most sensible investment in the brightest future possible.

Robert Jolliffe

Severe Consequences

Some citizens have suggested other uses for Center School if it were closed down. However,

there has been no commitment by any county official that the city will get the building. Even if we do, the proposed uses would place a new \$4 to \$6 million financial burden, plus astronomical maintenance costs, on city taxpayers. These uses would also result in greatly increased traffic congestion — at least 1000 trips per day — and in paving of green space, possibly even the grassy area in front of the library, for more parking.

It is unrealistic and irresponsible to imagine alternate uses for an abandoned school without regard for the resulting severe financial and environmental consequences for our community. City Manager James Giese states in his report that "the transfer of Center School . . . to the City should not be regarded as the transfer of an asset . . . but rather a transfer of a liability . . ." Why take on an unnecessary liability?

The school board has promised that Center School can be made into an outstanding educational facility. Center School is providing a first-rate education now and it will continue to do so after it is renovated.

Ruth Kastner

New School Overdue

My children started school about 18 years ago at North End Elementary, and even at that time the facility was in need of renovation. The other facility in question, Center School, is in comparable condition. I think the citizens of Greenbelt are long overdue for a new school facility. I believe the children of Greenbelt deserve to learn in a safe and orderly environment, or at the very least, in a building which is on a par with schools throughout the county.

The city should restore the Center School Art Deco structure to its original state. A public facility at this central location could serve all of the citizens of Greenbelt.

Center School should become the sole property of the city of Greenbelt. The building is such an integral part of the history of the city and its beginnings that it should be preserved as an historic site. I am sure that the citizens of Greenbelt would use the facility with the same sense of community and sensitivity which is synonymous with our town.

I urge city council to urge the county to move ahead with plans for a new school at the present North End site or at another suitable location in the city; and to preserve the Art Deco structure of Center School, which is such a valuable part of our city's history.

Kathleen Crowe Fern



GHI

Board

Meeting

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, 8 p.m.

February 9, 1989

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Memberships
3. Visitors and Members
4. Committee Reports
5. Manager
 - Proposed Bylaw Amendments
 - Alternatives to Trim Painting
6. President
7. Board members

School Board Survey To Be Mailed Feb. 6

The parents of students attending the Greenbelt Center School and community residents will be formally surveyed this month as to their preference for a renovated Greenbelt Center School or a new school at the old North End School site.

The survey will be mailed by the Board of Education on February 6, 1989. To be counted as part of the non-binding survey, the forms must be returned to the School Board no later than February 27, 1989. The return postage for the survey's are being paid by the School System. Samples of the survey will be available to review at both the Center School and at the City Hall.

Parents of students and residents within the Landover attendance area will also have the opportunity to complete the survey.

The two plans — new construction versus renovation — differ significantly, although the costs are estimated to be the same.

"Plan A" proposes construction of a new school at the old North End Elementary site, providing more educational options for a greater number of students. Located on 13 acres, the new site offers larger playground space, improved athletic facilities, easier accessibility for the handicapped and increased parking areas. Additionally, the North End site will provide a shorter walking distance for more students residing in Greenbelt.

Centralized classrooms located on two, rather than five, levels allow for greater flexibility of educational programs and greatly improves student/staff movement.

Furthermore, staff and students will be allowed to remain at Center School while the new school is under construction. This reduces the disruption of the educational program and eliminates the need to relocate the children to Bladensburg during the two year construction period.

"Plan B" seeks to renovate the historic Greenbelt Center, originally planned as both an elementary school and as a community center. Its location is closer to the public library and mall and allows easy accessibility by current walkways.

The renovation of the Center School also allows for the retention of the original Greenbelt community plan, and keeps the present building in use as a school. It is an historically significant building for both students and the community.

If the new school is ultimately approved, the Greenbelt Center building would be available for local community use in Greenbelt.

The Board of Education will be given the results of the survey, which will also be made public in March.

—from the Prince Georges County Public Schools

COMMUNITY CENTER PLANNING MEETING

The Citizens for Education & Community, a new Greenbelt organization, has scheduled a meeting next Sunday to plan uses for the Center School building, should it become a Community Center. The meeting on February 5 will be at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

The Prince Georges County Board of Education must decide on the future elementary school facilities in Greenbelt by September to avoid loss of state construction funds. Negotiations should be completed by then between the city and the county on land swaps, asbestos removal, code enforcement schedules, and several other matters.

The Citizens for Education & Community is concerned about preparing now for these negotiations and planning for later financing and construction work so that the Center School building will never be closed. The 57,500 square feet of space is enough to satisfy all the needs expressed for the long-empty North End School building, and still have about 16,000 square feet available for other purposes. These might include child day care, adult day care, a Greenbelt visitors center, recreational and craft facilities, city offices, artists' studios, and a performing arts center. The goal is to create an actively used, multi-generational community center that serves Greenbelt's citizens — in an affordable manner.

The group plans to address the following questions: which of the community needs are urgent and which are not, what can we do as soon as the city owns the building and what will first require money and building changes, how can we spread our costs over a few years and still fully use our "new" community center, what sources of money might be available, and how can we participate in and observe the planning actions to be sure that the September deadline will be met?

Over 60 invitations to the meeting have been sent to home-

CFG Meeting

(Continued from page one)

Pl. "I do not think Center School can give (the children) what they need." She criticized Center School's parking lot, calling it "an accident waiting to happen," and its "dark and dreary halls. Children need a bright, cheery environment."

"I've been listening," said senior citizen Irv Siegel, a 16-year resident. "I'm amazed at the number of people who want to enshrine Center School. Keep it as a snapshot of time gone by. We entrust these teachers with our most precious possession, our children, and then tie their hands in doing their jobs." He agreed with others that a "multipurpose building where Center School is would certainly be a lot more useful."

Responding to the concern expressed by Marsha Barratt that the city might not get Center School and then the "programs for senior citizens will never come to fruition," Ruth Kastner said there is "no guarantee we will get the school."

Weidenfeld reminded them that the city owns the North End site and does not have to release it until there is a satisfactory agreement. Some of the negotiating points suggested by the city manager, Weidenfeld said, were: trade for Center School, five or more years' waiver on code violations, request school board or county office to share some space in the building to help pay operating costs. With Center School, he said, we can walk right in, there is heat and electricity. Renovations can be done as the city gets the money. He ran through a list of successful negotiations the city has had recently with the county and state which brought funds for parkland.

"Could the city explore a covenant on the North End site to prevent destroying the woods?" asked Stratton.

"It's our property," responded

owner associations, churches, and other Greenbelt organizations. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Edith R. Carr

Edith R. Carr, age 89, died January 13 after a long illness.

She was a pioneer Greenbelt-ter. She and her husband Howard, and daughters Dolores and Evelyn moved to Greenbelt in October, 1937. Her husband Howard died Oct. 1952 and daughter Dolores Pettit died in California in March, 1977. Daughter Evelyn is living at their home address.

Mrs. Carr was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on January 18 beside her husband.

Weidenfeld. "They'll have to negotiate with us."

White called Center School "an unrealistic burden." As a city council member, "I don't want the liability of opening the building before code violations are fixed. There has to be a better assessment of the impact." Some of the programs are tailored for the North End, he said. "The North End Center hasn't been a financial burden, and options range from hardly anything to \$3 million. You don't have these options with the city owning Center School."

Kastner, secretary of CFG, offered the following motion: Citizens for Greenbelt endorses the renovation of Center School at its present site but asks that the School Board consider alternative renovation plans. Coxon seconded. Lange's request for a secret ballot was approved 12 to 11. Kastner's motion then failed 17 to 11.

Lange moved to endorse construction of a new school on the North End site. Tousignant seconded. The final vote of 17 to 10 approved the motion: "Citizens For Greenbelt endorses the construction of a new school on the North End site with the provision that concrete agreements between the County and the City for renovation of Center School be completed prior to any title transfer to the county of the North End property."

Richard A. White

Richard A. White of Crescent Road died at Prince Georges Hospital on January 19. A former native of Old Town, Maine, Mr. White came to Greenbelt in 1942. He worked for the Navy Department and retired in 1972 as the head of the Material Procurement and Distribution Division of the Naval Air Systems Command.

Mr. White was a Scout leader for Boy Scout troop 229 from 1949 to 1951 and president of the Lions Club in 1954 and 1955. He was also a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Dora, his son Richard H., his daughter-in-law Betty, and two nieces and a nephew in Old Town, Maine.

A memorial Mass will be held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m.

By request of the family, memorial contributions may be made to St. Hugh's Restoration Fund, 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt.

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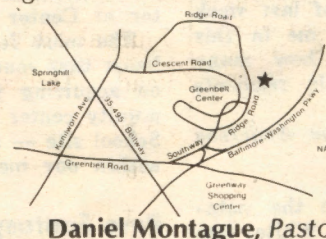
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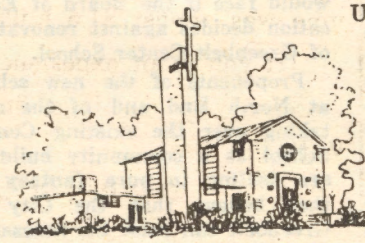
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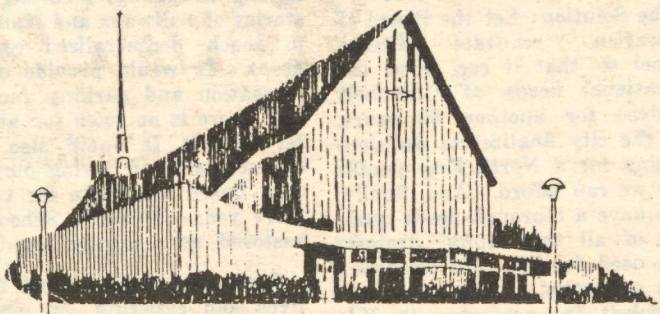
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Sunday, 10 A.M.

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information
Released by the Greenbelt
Police Department

A Greenbelt woman, age 45, was arrested by Det. Pfc. Carolyn McLean on Jan. 22 and charged with two counts of contaminating a drink. She was held in lieu of \$10,000 bond pending trial. On Halloween night she gave a jar of fruit juice to a 10 year old boy who was trick or treating with a friend. She told the boy it was a treat especially for him. He did not want it and later gave it to his friend. When his friend tried the fruit juice it burned his lips, tongue and throat and he was taken to see a physician. Lab tests identified the contaminant as hot pepper sauce.

The University Square Crime Watch, while on patrol on Jan. 21, notified police of a suspicious car in the 200 block of Lakeside Dr. Officer Robert Musterman responded, confiscating the registration plates which had been stolen in New York in September. Two hours later, Pfc. Alan Caho stopped the car on Kenilworth Ave. near Westchester Park. The driver, a non resident man, age 32, had an open warrant for failing to appear in court on traffic charges. The man was arrested. A search of the man and the car revealed a loaded semi-automatic handgun, two hypodermic syringes, drug paraphernalia and marijuana. He was charged with possession of marijuana, syringes, drug paraphernalia and transporting a handgun in a car. He was incarcerated in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

On Jan. 19 a verbal argument occurred between some Greenbelt Middle School students in a school bus and two men in a van which had pulled up next to the bus at Edmonston and Greenbelt Rds. The passenger in the van threw two bottles through an open bus window, striking three students. The injuries were minor and did not require medical attention. The passenger of the van is described as a white man, age 21, reddish brown hair and scraggly beard. The driver was also a white man. The vehicle is a white, work-type van with some rust on it and Md. tags.

Car Theft

Three cars were stolen and three recovered last week, leading to an arrest.

A 1981 Oldsmobile Cutlass was taken from the 400 block of Ridge Rd. on Jan. 21. It was recovered several days later by Officer Mark Lagerwerff at Beltway Plaza with moderate front end and body damage and the ignition had been tampered with.

A metallic red 1988 Buick (MD tag, VBG-276) was taken from a car wash on Jan. 21. As the owner was wiping excess water from the back end of the car with the engine running, a young white man in his 20's jumped in and drove off, going west on Greenbelt Rd.

A black, 1978 VW Scirocco (NJ tag, BZM-99A) was taken from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane between 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 and 11:30 a.m. the next day.

Officer Thomas Moreland recovered a 1973 Pontiac in the 7800 block of Greenbrook Dr. on Jan. 21. The car had been stolen the same day in Hyattsville.

Pfc. Thomas Keifline recovered a 1988 Jeep on Jan. 23 at Beltway Plaza. A non-resident juvenile was arrested when he re-

turned to the car and was charged with auto theft, driving without a license, fleeing and eluding and reckless driving. He was held at Boy's Village in Cheltenham pending juvenile action.

Other Thefts

A number of thefts and shoplifting incidents occurred last week. A townhouse in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane was broken into while the occupant was away for a month. Entry was gained by cutting the glass in a ground floor window. A color TV and stereo were stolen.

A ring, valued at \$2400, was taken from Kay Jewelers. The suspect is described as a black male, age 35, 6 ft., medium build, short wavy hair, wearing a light brown suede coat, dark pants, dark leather shoes and possibly a light blue sweater.

Four men's sports coats were taken from Websters Men's Wear in Beltway Plaza but not paid for. The suspect is described as a black male, age 28, 5 ft. 10 in., 145 lbs., short hair, wearing a brown jacket and brown pants. He left the area in a brown mid-sized vehicle (DC tag, 327-847).

Two men took shoes without paying for them at Shoetown in Greenway Center on Jan. 21. The first is described as a black man, age 25-30, 6 ft, 170 lbs., wearing a black leather jacket and black sweat pants. He had a scar on the right side of his face

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Museum Needs Donations For February Flea Market

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum volunteers are calling members and supporters this week for contributions to the February 18 Flea Market. Toys, household appliances, baked goods are needed. Tax deductible contributions may be dropped off at the Museum on Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., or can be picked up by Linda Warner by calling 345-8361 or Sandra Barnes, 345-1819.

Participants at the Flea Market will see a 1947 4-door Dodge sedan which will be on display during the day-long event. The car will be parked near the Youth Center. FOGM will be auctioning the car—along with many other goods and services — at a special fundraising event planned for April 1 at the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge.

from the base of the nose to the right eye. The other is a black man, age 24, 6 ft. 2 in., 190 lbs, hazel eyes, wearing a lime green parka, black sweat pants, white tennis shoes (Nike Airs) and a dark brown sweater. They left in a brown 1982 Datsun (D. C. tag, 327-847).

Cash was taken from a desk in an office suite in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Dr. on Jan. 26. And two Md. tags, reported taken from the 7800 block of Mandan Rd. in Sept. were recovered in Seat Pleasant. There were no arrests.

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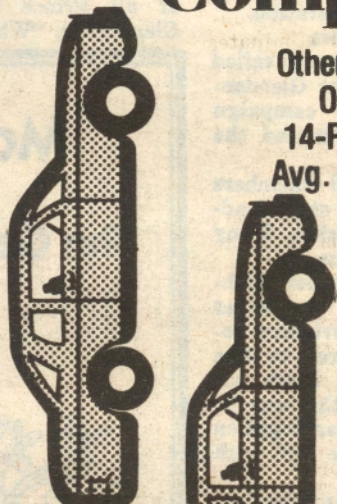


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County Plans Recycling Program After Council Rejects Incineration

by Karen Myers

The Prince Georges County Council, in a November 29 meeting, voted against County Executive Parris Glendening's proposal to build a trash incinerator on Brown Station Road.

The county becomes the first in the Washington area to reject incineration as a means of waste disposal. Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington, Baltimore and Montgomery counties all use or plan to use incineration.

The county council's decision, approved by a 9-0 vote, was detailed in a letter to Glendening calling for a voluntary, county-wide curbside recycling program for 35% of the trash. The rest would be buried in landfills.

Currently, the county produces 2,400 tons of trash a day, 98% of which is buried at the Sandy Hill landfill in Bowie and the Brown Station Road landfill. If alternative means of disposal are not soon found, the county will run out of landfill space shortly after the year 2000.

Glendening's proposal, submitted to council in March, included recycling, landfill and the construction of an incinerator costing more than \$146 million. The incinerator proposal brought about strong citizen opposition with many calling for recycling as the major component of disposal. At a public hearing on November 15, more than 300 people turned out to protest the incinerator.

"Read our lips," Barry Cohen of the Prince Georges Recycling Coalition told council. "We do not want an incinerator or an ash fill anywhere in Prince Georges County." Council members were also threatened with reprisals at the election booths if they voted for incineration.

Varying Views

Spokesman Tim Ayers called the vote "a defeat" for Glendening, adding that the campaign against incineration "turned the tide."

But county council members viewed differently the steps leading up to their decision. Many voted with reservations.

County council member Richard J. Castaldi said the letter "... indicates the primary focus for the next three to five years will be landfill. I am not convinced landfill is the way to go, but with public participation maybe we can come up with different ideas."

In the letter sent to Glendening, council also stated that they are hesitant about building an incinerator because of pollution and a lack of federal and state regulations for incinerator ash and emissions. Council members recognize the growing problem of waste disposal and feel that the incinerator concept may resurface.

In studying the incinerator proposal, county council members consulted with experts on incineration and also visited east and west coast recycling and waste-to-energy plants in October. In a public report delivered on November 1, council stated that they found that recycling may not necessarily solve all of the problems of waste disposal despite the fact that many recycling activists in the county feel strongly about its merits.

Specific Program Needed

The letter to Glendening cites specific steps that will need to be taken if the recycling effort

is to succeed. Among these actions are: establishing composting sites for yard and food waste, and establishing buy-back and drop-off centers for recyclables at various locations; prohibiting the disposal of household hazardous materials in landfills, such as batteries, insecticides, paint and oil; establishing a recycling oversight committee of business and civic leaders responsible for reviewing the county's programs; involving local educators and businesses in the recycling education efforts; and determining the level of financial commitment to achieve county and state recycling goals.

Despite the council's rejection of his proposal, County Executive Parris Glendening remains committed to pursuing a solution to the county's solid waste problem.

"By its failure to adopt a new solid waste plan, deemphasizing landfilling, the council has chosen to ignore the good of the larger community and fritter away our few remaining years of excess landfill capacity," said Glendening in a prepared statement. "We have revalidated our cost assumptions and remain convinced that those who would cite the expense of waste-to-energy facilities as being prohibitive will soon see that the expenses required to continue environmentally acceptable landfilling will be even greater. It is ironic that we will probably have to incur the cost of both approaches as a result of our failure to adopt a balanced plan now."

Both Glendening and the council recognize the important role of county residents in the recycling effort. "To attain our recycling goals will require the full cooperation and understanding of all Prince Georgians," said Glendening. "Whether at home or

at work, all of us will have to drastically change our waste disposal habits."

In response to the county council's rejection of his incineration program, Glendening has announced an aggressive and accelerated recycling program. A paper recycling program, for example, began January 3 in the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro and the Largo Government Center. Eventually the program will be expanded to all county office buildings and public schools. Glendening's other recommendations deal with newspaper, aluminum and glass recycling as well as composting and biodegradable plastic bags. The involvement of apartments and businesses in the recycling program is also recommended.

Recreation Review

Floor Hockey Drop-In

Floor Hockey Drop-In takes place Monday evenings 7:30-10:30 p.m. at SHL Rec. Center. This program continues through March 29. Greenbelt residents are free. Non-residents must pay a nominal fee — call 474-6878 for details.

Senior Crafts Program

Crafts classes are available on Mondays, 11-1 at the SHL Rec. Center and on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Youth Center. The program is free with a minimal fee for supplies.

LAFF

The Leisure Activity Fun & Friendship Club is for young adults who are physically or emotionally challenged. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Members help to plan their own agenda and activities. A nominal fee is required. For more information call Karen Haseley at 474-6878.

Greenbelters Compete In Holiday Races

In the annual long distance running races held in Greenbelt during the holiday season, 139 runners finished 10 or 20 mile races and 13 finished a 3 kilometer race. Eleven Greenbelters competed. In the 10 mile, Dan Rincon finished 21st in a field of 82, in 1:08:15. Other Greenbelters were: Tom Winkert 26th in 1:09:45, Nelson Oertel 38th in 1:14:18, Robert Mongelli 40th in 1:15:08, Sdirhar Krishnamurthy 46th in 1:16:18, Joe Broderick 53rd in 1:22:18 and John Saleme 59th in 1:24:26. Debbie Li was the 10th female in 1:37:23. The winner of the 10 mile was former area high school star, Robbie Raisbeck who ran for Clemson and is living in Winston-Salem, NC. He led all the way in 54:27 with David Kallmes of Ellicott City, Md. second in 55:32. Win Graves of Arlington, Va. was the first female in 1:04:43 over Bernadette Creed of Fairfax, Va. in 1:07:43.

In the featured 20 mile race, which celebrates 25 years of this event in Greenbelt, 57 runners finished the two loop course which goes from Braden Field out through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Ben Beach of Bethesda Md., who has won this race before, led all the way to win in 1:58:15 over Roger Howell, Silver Spring, in 1:59:26. Two Greenbelt men finished: Dave Chitwood 36th in 2:39:21 and Ken Label 42nd in 2:53:33. Former Greenbelt Joe Bradley finished 20th in the 20 miler in 2:22:51. No Greenbelt women finished. The women's section was won easily by Cathy Ventura-Merkel, Arlington, Va. in 2:14:50. Noteworthy is Mary Ann Zuckerman's time for second place of 2:30:49, a new master's record for this course. Zuckerman, who lives in Laurel, competed and finished the famous Ironman Triathlon in Ha-

waii last year, as did Dotti Esher of Laurel, who finished 9th in the women's section of the 10 mile in 1:36:50.

In a 3 kilometer race around the lake 13 runners competed with Dave Brown winning in 12:05. Brown is from Derwood, Md. Jim Harbaugh was the only Greenbelt finisher in 15:03.

The Greenbelt police gave excellent protection to the 139 runners crossing Crescent and Northway at the beginning of the race. The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the D.C. Road Runners provided a warm place and hot drinks for the runners. Any Greenbelters who did not receive an award for the 10 and 20 mile should contact Larry Noel at 474-9362.

Bridge Under Construction

County Executive Parris Glendening announced that Cherry Hill Construction, Inc., the successful bidder for construction of the Cherrywood Lane Bridge, recently began construction on the extension across the Beltway to Ivy Lane in Greenbelt. This project, when completed, will provide easy access to the Greenbelt Metro from interested construction stations for residents of the Greenbelt and Beltsville areas. It is anticipated that completion of the project will be in February 1990.

Glendening also announced that bids for the widening of Cherrywood Lane from Greenbelt Road to the future Greenbelt Metro and MARC Commuter Rail stations are now being accepted from interested construction contractors. This project, when completed, will provide improved access to the Metro station, MARC Commuter Rail Station, and to the bridge extending Cherrywood Lane across the Beltway to Ivy Lane.

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Roosevelt Rap

by Allison Choy
Tech Program Review
 Superintendent of Schools John Murphy "has designated a task force chaired by William Troxler" President of Capital College, to review technology education at magnet schools in Prince Georges County, according to Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Milton Steinbaum.

The purpose of the task force is to recommend some modifications to the science and technology program. Steinbaum believes the program needs to be looked at "particularly now, since we've been with it for 12 years." Recommendations will be made to Superintendent Murphy in the spring of 1989.

Computer Lab
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School has recently acquired a large computer lab in its efforts to modernize.

Steinbaum is "really pleased" about the one-hundred-thousand-dollar computer. It's "the latest you can get [and] it includes a laser printer and large screen where you can have what is on the computer projected onto the screen [so] the whole group can see it."

Coupled with that is a computer-aided manufacturing lathe set that has been installed for the technology classes.

In the future Steinbaum would like to "computerize [the library] collection" and install "a program that allows people to tie in with about five hundred libraries in the country through Harry Diamond Laboratories." This would aid in scientific research because the libraries would be "very high level, technical libraries." Roosevelt is looking forward to this "hopeful-

ly by the end of next year," according to Steinbaum.

SHOP
 Eleanor Roosevelt has been selected, along with several other high schools in Prince Georges County, to implement SHOP (Students Helping Other People). SHOP is a training program to prevent drug abuse and promote peer leadership.

The Maryland State Department of Education first tested SHOP in Laurel High School last year with great success. Part of the activities of SHOP included presenting puppet shows on drug abuse to elementary and middle schools.

Interested students and teachers will attend a three-day training session in Annapolis in January, with expenses provided through a federal grant.

Steinbaum likes SHOP "because young people will readily listen to other young people. If an adult says something, while there is respect and interest, it doesn't always have the same leverage as if one of their peers were doing counseling."

Adult Health Fitness Program Is Offered

The Adults Health & Development Program, University of Maryland, has openings for adults ages 50 and older. This program runs on Saturdays, Feb. 18 through April 29, 9:30 a.m. to noon. University students are assigned on a one-to-one basis with the "member" to engage in such activities as modified aerobic activity, yoga, bowling, square dancing, games, weight training, etc. Health education topics are also provided. There is a fee. Full and partial "scholarships" are available. Call Dr. Leviton for application at 454-3295.

Greenbriar News

Residents of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks are gearing up for a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Residents and their guests will be able to enjoy Cajun snacks, beer, and soda; while listening to jazz music. A small admission fee will be charged, but those attending in costume will receive a discount.

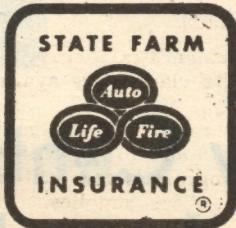
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AWARDS:

DISTANCE

CATEGORIES:

DETAILS:

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The Board of Education is mailing a survey to every Greenbelt home in early February. This survey is important not just to parents of school-age children but to every resident. Its results could give us not only a new school but also an historic community center in the heart of the city.

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We Need Your Help

Council Meeting

(Continued from page one)
with the owners of the property.

School Tours

Council authorized a public tour of the old North End School and asked staff to set up back-to-back tours of both North End and Center Schools. These tours will be this Saturday (see ad on page 2). Weidenfeld, author of the idea, said that Greenbelters should be given as many of the facts as possible when they fill out the survey concerning renovation of Center School or construction of a new school at North End.

Pool Manager

Council decided to employ the Development Management Services of Coakley & Williams to oversee the indoor pool project at a cost of \$78,000. City Manager James K. Giese said that city staff needs some assistance in dealing with the numerous city construction projects. He said the company has managed private pool construction projects, and that they schedule the city's project for completion by June 1990.

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Isaacs and Councilmember Thomas X. White said the saving from having an experienced manager would exceed costs. Councilmembers Edward Putens and White said this would take some of the burdens off city staff.

Green Ridge House

New federal regulations would require that in housing such as Green Ridge House, built under section 8, first preference be given to persons living in substandard housing, who have been or are about to be inadvertently displaced from housing or are paying more than 50% of their income for rent. These preferences take precedence over local requirements such as first consideration of Greenbelters for residence in Green Ridge House. Council has written to Congressman Steny Hoyer and he has started to take steps on behalf of Greenbelt. Council passed a motion to ask Hoyer to seek legislation to permit publicly owned Section 8 facilities to have a 10% exception from federal preference requirements.

Weidenfeld stated that Green Ridge House was built to give the seniors of Greenbelt a chance to stay in Greenbelt and he said he wants to preserve the character of Green Ridge House.

This could completely change the nature of Green Ridge House, argued Jim Cassels, for it has

had a good cross-section of incomes and experience. It is not there to solve the problems of the homeless, he continued.

Weidenfeld replied that he did not think anyone disagreed with what Cassels said about Green Ridge House. He said the city started working on this problem months ago and that the move for a 10% exemption is seen as a move towards a do-able minimum.

Giese said the fact that Green Ridge House is for handicapped and seniors does not change. He added that the city will have to wait and see what happens with regard to Greenbelt residents on the waiting list.

Other Actions

Leonard and Carol Randall of Boxwood asked council how it felt about them opening a teen club in the Roosevelt Center Mall. The Randall's envision operating a place where teens can come after school, hang out, and buy snacks or watch videos. As Leonard Randall said, there is "nothing in the city just for teens."

Several council members were sympathetic to the idea and Isaacs mentioned that this past summer young people in Boxwood had expressed similar needs.

Council accepted the master plan for Schrom Hills Park prepared by city consultant Greenman-Pederson of Laurel.

Dorothy Pyles and Earl Clawson resigned from the Crime Prevention Committee.

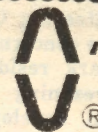
Council accepted staff's suggestion to contact state senator and delegates to express concern about legislation pending to exempt auto dealerships from paying personal property tax on inventory.

The Lake Park Master Plan was sent to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Lakeside Citizens Association. This plan is an update of the 1982 report.

Council accepted the recommendation of the Senior Citizen Task Force to tell the county's Office on Aging of its interest in any committee involved in developing the master plan for Senior Citizen Activity Centers.

Comm. to Save the Green Belt to Meet February 8

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at 8 p.m. in the Youth Center. There will be a final discussion of the proposed bylaws. All members are urged to attend.



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Greenhorne & O'Mara Plans to Build Headquarters Next to Greenbelt Park

by Karen Myers

At a worksession on January 11, the city council met with representatives of the engineering and architectural firm of Greenhorne & O'Mara to discuss their application for a zoning change on 17.43 acres of land adjacent to the Westchester Park residences. Also present at the worksession were members of the Westchester Park Ad Hoc Steering Committee, who expressed their opposition to the development of Greenhorne & O'Mara's national headquarters on the site.

The tract of land in question, part of Parcel C and all of Parcel D, is currently zoned for residential highrise. If approved, Greenhorne & O'Mara's request would rezone the tract for commercial development and allow them to construct a national headquarters which would include two office buildings and parking for at least 1,400 employees. Greenhorne & O'Mara's employees are currently housed in several county locations, including the Edmonston Road building which was built in 1983.

The application, submitted by Greenhorne & O'Mara in June of 1988, cites "a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood since the adoption of the comprehensive zoning in 1949" as justification for rezoning. The application notes that 105 rezonings have occurred in the area since 1949, the majority of them having been from residential to commercial. The Golden Triangle, Capital Office Park and Maryland Trade Center are used as examples of such rezoning.

Greenhorne & O'Mara states in its application that the development site would be constructed and maintained in accordance with the principles of good site design, which include landscaping and the use of construction materials compatible with the neighboring uses. The application also asserts that the development of the property adjacent to Westchester Park would not overburden the traffic patterns that currently serve the area, since there would be a "reverse flow" of traffic in relation to the traffic created each morning and evening by Westchester Park residents.

In her opening comments at the worksession, City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson responded to Greenhorne & O'Mara's request by questioning whether there has indeed been a "substantial change" in the character of the neighborhood. She also said that the evidence resulting from a study on traffic in the area is inconclusive. Wilson stated that the city staff recommends that the council oppose the application.

William M. Shipp of Fossett and Brugger, the law firm representing Greenhorne & O'Mara, acknowledged that this is a difficult situation and that Greenhorne & O'Mara want to cooperate with the community and will listen to the concerns of its residents. A. James O'Mara, president of Greenhorne & O'Mara, echoed Shipp's comments and added that Greenhorne & O'Mara has been in Prince Georges County for nearly 40 years and wants to be able to see continued growth of their company in this area.

The council was then shown exhibits of the proposed Greenhorne & O'Mara headquarters, which includes a 12-story main building that would be almost the same height as the Westchester Park highrises. It would be L-shaped, constructed with a glass atrium and extensive

landscaping, and would sit back 600 feet into the rezoned tract of land. The second building, to be built at a later date, would consist of seven stories and would be of similar architectural design to the first. Greenhorne & O'Mara would enlist its own personnel for upkeep of the complex, which would also include a storm water management pond that could serve as a landscaped pavilion area for meetings and outdoor lunches in good weather.

It was brought to the council's attention that most of Greenhorne & O'Mara employees would be at the site on evenings and weekends and would therefore not interfere with Westchester Park residents or visitors to Greenbelt Park.

Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram asked how the residents on Edmonston Road would be affected and how much of the Greenhorne & O'Mara headquarters would be visible from their homes. Representatives from Greenhorne & O'Mara stated that those residents should only be able to see the tops of the buildings, a view which Greenhorne & O'Mara believes would not be objectionable.

Bram then pointed out that Calvert Road, a major east-west artery, is due to close soon, which would therefore create more traffic at Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Ave., even before the proposed construction of the Greenhorne & O'Mara headquarters. Shipp responded by noting that the majority of the Greenhorne & O'Mara employees would be coming from the Beltway and would cross under Greenbelt Road and not create additional east-west traffic congestion. Shipp also added that combining all of Greenhorne & O'Mara's employees on one site would alleviate daytime traffic to and from their satellite offices, such as the one in the OAO building in Greenway.

At the close of the worksession, Robert F. Crecco, Chairman of the Westchester Park Ad Hoc Steering Committee, expressed the concerns of the Westchester Park residents over the possible rezoning and resulting commercial development. Crecco stated that it is the overall conclusion of Westchester Park residents that a commercial office complex is highly incompatible with both residential highrises and a national park. Residents are particularly concerned with the traffic problems that would be created by the proposed development, especially since the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue, Edmonston Road, Pontiac Road, and Westchester Park Drive is a complex one as it currently exists. Crecco added that only the residents of Westchester Park, numbering approximately 2,600, can fully understand the daily intricacies of traffic in the area, and although "reverse flow" of traffic may sound plausible, it is the belief of Westchester Park residents that traffic problems would indeed result.

Crecco also pointed out that

Council Takes Position

by Betsy Likowski

At its regular meeting on January 23 city council voted unanimously to inform the county's Zoning Hearing Examiner that the council does not approve a zoning change from residential to commercial for a 17.43 acre tract next to Greenbelt Park.

Attorney William Shipp, of Fossett & Brugger, sought to convince council to wait before it took an official position on the proposed rezoning. His client, Greenhorne & O'Mara (G&O) is seeking to build its national headquarters consisting of 420,000 square feet of office space on the parcel south of Westchester Park at the west edge of the federal park. The case is scheduled to come before the Zoning Hearing Examiner on Feb. 1, but Shipp said they would ask for an extension to Feb. 17.

Shipp argued that G&O is scheduled to meet with the general citizenry of Westchester Park on Jan. 26 and that the results of the meeting would be significant for council to consider.

Councilmember Thomas X. White said he did not see any reason to delay voting on the matter. The rezoning of the land would affect Greenbelt Park and add more traffic to Kenilworth Avenue. Mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs maintained that no one on council would have their views changed by the outcome of the Westchester Park meeting. Councilmember Edward Putens said his mind would not be changed by the meeting. Councilmember Antoinette Bram said it was "the duty of the City of Greenbelt to support Westchester" and that the proposed change in the zoning would affect Greenbelt.

City Manager James Giese noted that the rationale for council's motion is that the case for change in the character of the neighborhood has not been made.

owners of the condominiums in Westchester Park bought their units with the understanding that the surrounding undeveloped land was zoned for residential highrises. Residents are therefore comfortable with the construction of additional highrises, but not with possible commercial development, particularly where resale values of their properties are concerned.

In a release dated December 30, 1988, the Westchester Park Ad Hoc Steering Committee cited additional concerns over Greenhorne & O'Mara's request for rezoning, which include environmental deterioration, noise, and air pollution and pedestrian safety in the area, especially the children and elderly.

Greenbelt Nursery School

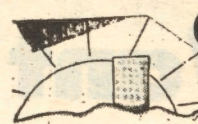
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Greenbelt's Business



Cutting the ribbon at the Open House of Schelling and Associates are: Mary Madden, office manager; Susan Spittle, office associate; Joy Day, mortgage loan officer; James Waterworth, Century 21 Regional office; Joan Schelling, head of the firm; Gordon Barnes, then a Channel 9 weatherman; Richard Castaldi, county councilman; Sheryl Spittle, realtor associate.

Weatherman Predicts Bright Future For Schelling

The open house held by Schelling and Associates to announce their affiliation with Century 21 was enlivened by predictions by Channel 9 weatherman Gordon Barnes in the form of a poem which was read expertly by County Councilman Richard J. Castaldi. Barnes, in one of his last appearances in the Washington area before his departure for Florida, took some good-natured kidding about his weather prophecies after the opening had to be rescheduled to January 7 because of the snowstorm on the previous day.

Barnes, who had been living in a home in Greenbrook since last fall, joined Castaldi and other well-wishers who crowded the Schelling real estate office at 8909 60th Avenue behind the Fireside restaurant. Barnes' prophecy for the firm included "an excellent sales situation," and, in a reference to his impending move to Florida, concluded that as in real estate "the basic overall truth for forecasting is Location, Location, Location."

Lowell Jackson Comes to G & O

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., announces the appointment of Lowell B. Jackson as its vice president for transportation. Jackson brings to G&O a national reputation, established during more than 30 years of management, practice, and policy development experience in transportation, public works administration, and higher education. In addition to his recent tenure as Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, he has been Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Highways and twice Secretary of Transportation for Wisconsin. He also served as Wisconsin's Secretary of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

A Registered Professional Engineer, with extensive knowledge of State and Federal government processes, Jackson also taught for many years on the engineering facilities of both Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin. He is a retired Army Corps of Engineers Reserve Captain.



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MedServ Dumps Medical Waste at Beltway Plaza

by Stephanie Stoughton

A Prince Georges County Department of Health official said MedServ, a medical center located in the Beltway Plaza, violated state regulations on medical waste disposal. Two weeks ago an employee from Superfresh found hypodermic syringes, gauze, and petri dishes in a dumpster next to the grocery store.

MedServ, Inc., was apparently unaware of stringent state regulations implemented October 1 that require medical practitioners to contract a hauler and to incinerate the waste, according to Paul Myers, a county Department of Health official.

"Basically, it was a lack of education," Myers said. "The state regulations passed last fall make it very much illegal. They say that the hypodermic needles should be destroyed, and the rest incinerated." Myers added that Med Serv is not being fined for violating the regulation.

Mary Pappadeas, MedServ director of operations, blamed the state-level Department of the Environment for not informing the company of the change in the regulations. "The State of Maryland did not notify us. I just got a copy of the state regulations last Thursday. They did not implement the regulations properly."

According to Pappadeas, the Greenbelt MedServ was disinfecting its medical waste, but was not having it incinerated. "We were disinfecting our waste and double or triple bagging it separate from paper trash. But we were still disposing the medical waste with regular trash."

Ray Feldman, a spokesman

for the State Department of the Environment said the regulations require medical practitioners to keep stringent records of their waste if it is over 110 pounds a month. Penalties for violating the regulations are up to \$25,000 and a year in prison.

The Greenbelt MedServ had never weighed its medical waste, but Pappadeas said it was near 110 pounds. "We're probably in that ballpark," she said.

Pappadeas also said she was asked to contract a certified disposal company within two weeks to get rid of all waste that comes in contact with body fluids. The deadline was January 31.

Since government attention shifted to AIDS prevention, Pappadeas said a number of regulations have been introduced in the state legislature. "It's sort of like drunk driving. There must have been thirty bills so far"

NOMINATE THE TOP TEN PRINCE GEORGIANS NOW

County Executive Parris N. Glendening and Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce President William Franey recently announced the opening of nominations for the 1989 Prince Georgian of the Year Awards. Co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the County Executive's Office of Community and Ethnic Affairs, the program is designed to recognize outstanding citizens for the contributions they have made to the County through their volunteerism, community service, leadership, and/or professional achievement.

All residents of Prince Georges County over 21 years of age are eligible for nomination.

All nominations must be postmarked no later than midnight February 17.

For a nomination form and complete information about the Prince Georgian of the Year program contact Nuria Alvarez Grant at 952-4666.

BOY AND GIRL OF YEAR-FLETCHER, KOWMAS

At a banquet on January 13, the County Boys and Girls Club honored the "Boy of the Year" and the "Girl of the Year" from each of the local boys and girls clubs in the County. Selected from the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club were Yusef L. Fletcher and Rosalie Kowmas. The honorees are selected based on their contribution to the Club, not only athletically, but in terms of their cooperation, volunteerism and leadership qualities.

Yusef, who is 13 years old, is an eighth grade student at Greenbelt Middle School. He is a B student. Yusef enjoys playing football, basketball, baseball and also swimming. Football is his favorite sport. He has been a member of the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club for four years for whom he plays football and basketball. Yusef is also a member of the Springhill Lake Teen Club and attends Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, where he

is in the teen club.

Rosalie, who is 15 years old, is a sophomore at Eleanor Roosevelt High School where she is a member of the Concert Band and does stats for the Junior Varsity Football Team. She is the captain of the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club cheerleaders and was instrumental in getting the cheerleaders ready for their first County-wide competition this past year. She has been a member of the Club for two years. Rosalie is interested in softball and she plans to go to college to major in business management. She eventually plans to open her own day care facility.

CITY NOTES

The city horticulturist completed work at Greenbelt Lake. The parks crew cleaned debris from various city parks. Special trash pickup is current and Christmas trees have been chipped.

"The closing of Center School as an Educational Facility would seriously affect the integrity of the original town plan."

"... The (Center School) Building is primarily designed as an elementary school and that must be considered to be the primary use for its design."

—James K. Giese, City Manager
Report on Center School
January 5, 1989

IN ADDITION TO THE CITY MANAGER'S IMPORTANT POINTS QUOTED ABOVE, PLEASE CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS IN YOUR DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF GREENBELT CENTER SCHOOL:

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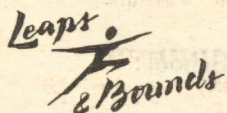
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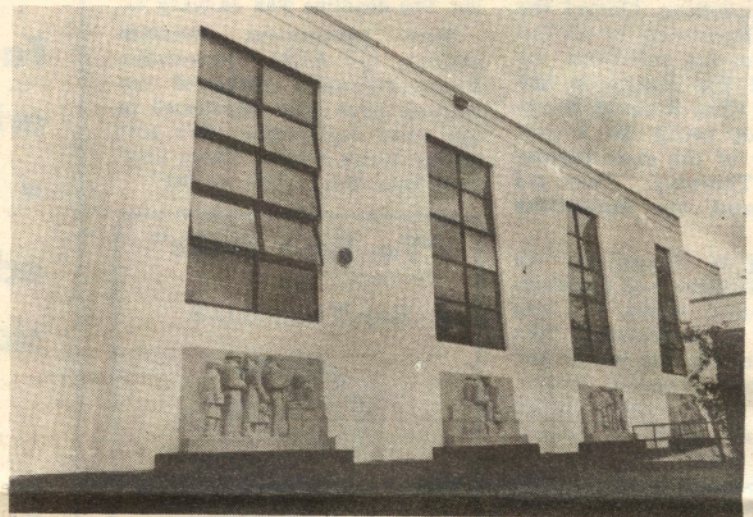
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OUR VISION FOR A NORTH END CENTER

- After years of study, finalization of an affordable plan for an intergenerational community center.
- Proposed uses to be considered for inclusion in the plan:
 - Senior Activities Center
 - Adult Day Care
 - Recreational Programming for North End residents
 - Center for Visual and Performing Arts
 - Day Care for children
 - City storage
 - Community meeting rooms
 - Art studios
- Situated on property that is already within the City's ownership and control
- A location that will accommodate the required parking for proposed uses
- Preservation of existing woodland on the northern half of the parcel

OUR VISION FOR CENTER SCHOOL

- An updated, modern educational facility within the historic atmosphere of the original school
- Replacement of the 1968 addition with a new structure, utilizing ramps and open passageways to improve circulation for students, teachers and equipment
- A new playground area, planned to complement and blend in with the City's Braden Field complex
- A new heating/air conditioning system and state of the art electrical, lighting and communication systems.
- A restored elementary school that continues to take full advantage of its historical setting, adjacent to an excellent library and, hopefully, a new indoor swimming pool



Let's look at the devastating consequences that would result if Center School is not renovated by the Board of Education as an elementary school.

- Greenbelt citizens would inherit all of the liabilities of the Center School building: an aged heating plant, no air conditioning, no handicap access, asbestos removal or containment, building code and other design deficiencies, no elevators, and very strict constraints for historical preservation. These must be corrected prior to occupancy for any purpose other than a school.
- The estimated price tag for renovation of Center School for "community" purposes is nearly \$7,000,000.00 (Seven million).
- The proposed uses would, for the most part, be similar to those already in existence in the center, i.e., City offices, meeting rooms, gymnasium, etc.
- The proposed uses would require up to, or possibly even more than 200 additional parking spaces—resulting in a significant loss of greenspace from the lovely historical setting of the school building.

All things considered, there is a heavy price to pay if Greenbelt Center School is abandoned. We will pay in dollars, in lost greenspace at both sites, and in the sometimes intangible, yet, for Greenbelt, very real historical fiber of our community.

The bottom line:

WE TAXPAYERS CAN'T AFFORD IT!

WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- City Council should stick to its commitment (Council minutes of Sept. 19, 1988) to develop an intergenerational center at North End and inform the Board of Education that the North End site is not available
- Board of Education should resume evaluation of appropriate design approaches for the renovation of Greenbelt Center School

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- You will be receiving a survey form mailed out by the Board of Education seeking your opinion on this issue. Please indicate your preference to renovate Center School

Citizens to Save Center School

GHI Board Hears about City Leaf Collection, Gypsy Moths and Voting

by Barbara Likowski

Assistant City Manager Mike McLaughlin attended the January 26 meeting of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. to explain the city's new leaf collection policy. He stayed to give an informational update on the gypsy moth program which was also on the agenda. The entire board was present.

McLaughlin stated that up to this fall leaves have been collected throughout the city wherever found. This year the procedure was changed because it had been possible to hire a roadside crew so that the city was able to set up as specific a schedule as possible with definite site pickups. The central part of the city produced the most leaves, he added.

People living in single-family houses were asked to rake their leaves to the curb while those in GHI were asked to bag their leaves and call the public works department for pickup, (specifying leaves), McLaughlin said that this resulted in the streets looking cleaner this year.

He gave as reasons for the city's policy in the GHI area the fact that the city avoided using streets because of GHI's parking problems and the city did not want to create common dump piles in GHI.

President Wayne Williams stated that many members were incapable of carrying bagged leaves to the street. (McLaughlin thought something might be worked out in cases of hardship). Williams noted that the policy appears to be prejudicial to GHI and thought it probably would increase costs. Director Chuck Hess added that it was easier to collect trash from townhouses which are next to each other than from separate houses, yet there was no change in fee.

McLaughlin explained that leaf collection was not charged to anyone in the city but was made possible by the use of the newly hired roadside crew whose members were paid from funds received from the county for services not used.

To director Ray McCawley's query whether members who lived near the street could rake their leaves out and the others bag them, McLaughlin replied there would be no split policy. Hess and Director Margaret Hogenesen said there was a split policy everywhere else, why not in GHI. McLaughlin said a split policy would result in clutter. Director of Member Services Joan Krob agreed with McLaughlin that trash was often placed on piles of leaves. Director Nancy Hutchins suggested public education and pleas for cooperation. McLaughlin said that it had been his aim to create a program which would be consistent and would work better for the community.

Gypsy Moths

McLaughlin affirmed that a Gypsy moth problem does exist in the city and preventive measures will need to be taken. It is identified most significantly in the area north of Crescent Road. Starting in the buffer strip between Boxwood and Lakewood going along Crescent to Eastway, up Eastway on a straight line to Northway fields, then north of the city boundary line with the Baltimore-Wash-

ington Parkway and the Agriculture Research station. Besides this there are several hot spots including a part of Schrom Hills Park, the city cemetery and the playground by the library underpass.

The area may qualify for the state spraying program. To Williams' question about educating the public McLaughlin assured the board there would be lots of information by mid-May about what is going to be done and when. Also people will be told what they can do such as banding trees. City officials plan a field trip to see other areas. McLaughlin did not know whether the Beltsville Agricultural Station plans to spray but noted that the Park Service at Greenbelt Park does. It was pointed out that if Greenbelt's neighbors do not spray the problem would return to Greenbelt.

McLaughlin explained further what could happen if the area were to be left untreated. If there are 250 egg masses per acre, there would be 30% defoliation; 500 egg masses per acre would double that, and 1000 egg masses per acre would result in complete defoliation. McLaughlin said the whole area would have to be done; cutting out areas is not viable.

N & E

Helen White and John Taylor were present to give a report from the Nominations & Elections Committee (N & E). The committee had met to discuss ways to attract more candidates and increase interest in the 1989 election. Suggestions included a March committee recognition night since committee members are a prime source of candidates; earlier publicity in the GHI newsletter and the News Review, a pamphlet to assist candidates; and a cable-cast candidates' night.

The committee asked the board's help in presenting a by-law amendment at the annual meeting so that voting could again be held the night of the annual meeting. Although too late for this year's election, the groundwork could be laid. They

felt more people would vote if they could do it that night. There were more attendees than voters at last year's annual meeting. The committee also suggested that voting be in a more central location such as the library or Council Chambers and that as an added incentive to vote, a door-prize drawing be held among the voters such as the prizes given to stimulate attendance at the annual meeting.

Krob explained that because of the conflict with the Easter holidays in March, the committee recognition would be April 7. After discussion, the board agreed to put the bylaw on the agenda but took no position on it themselves.

The board briefly discussed the matter of the request by the finance committee to see the books of the cooperative including the salaries of staff. The board felt that staff salaries should not be open to members, just as personnel matters are not. Director Nancy Hutchins suggested that a salary structure be made available to members. The finance committee had asked the audit committee to ask the corporation's lawyer for a definition of the term "open books," stating that the members were to be able to see the open books. Leta Mach, chair of the Audit Committee, reported that the audit committee decided not to ask the lawyer for an opinion because it would be too expensive.

In other business, the board:

- Established the rent of storage areas to be created in the detached boiler rooms at \$20 per month per storage area

- Received drawings from staff engineer Jay Freedman of prototype additions developed by the staff for the different types of GHI homes. These one-story gardenside additions are the type most commonly built by members and use criteria previously approved by the board. Members using these plans can tailor them to suit themselves. Under new zoning regulations of the RPC zone, additions that are more than 25% of the present floor

plan have to be approved by the county.

- Granted a construction easement to WSSC in the 10 Court of Southway.

- Accepted the resignation of Kim McCarl as chair of the Aesthetics and Environment Committee because of a conflict with classes.

- Heard quarterly staff reports.

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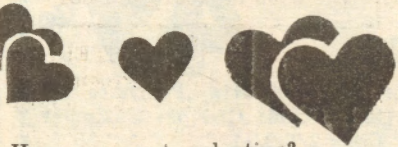
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Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Girls Cross Country Track Team for winning the Maryland State Championship recently. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to them by the Prince Georges Board of Education.

Harrison Francis Hilliard arrived just in time to enjoy this lovely weather. The firstborn of Leslie and Lawrence Hilliard, Harrison was born at Holy Cross Hospital on January 16 and weighed 9 lbs., 5 ozs. The Hilliard family lives on Lakeside Drive. Welcome.

Congratulations and a warm round of applause to former Greenbelter and News Review staffer, Peggy Hool, who was recently honored as Outstanding Volunteer by the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce at the Sixth Annual Education Awards Luncheon. Peggy was cited

for "being actively involved in an effort to enhance the quality of all school programs" at Rogers Heights Elementary. Her many activities included starting a support group for parents of students enrolled in the French Immersion Magnet Program and designing and implementing Operation Mailbag, a school-wide letter writing program designed to encourage writing.

Greenbelter Bruce Summers has been named the National Capital Area Boy Scouts Council senior Exploring executive. An Eagle scout and former Peace Corps volunteer, Bruce will oversee all Exploring programs in Prince Georges County and traditional Exploring in the District of Columbia.

Dr. Uttam Chand of Hanover Parkway is proud of his grandson Ameet Sachdev who is among the "Outstanding Students of America." Ameet was selected as a new member because of outstanding merit and accomplishments as an American high school student.

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Life Cereal **\$1.89**

Dairy Dept.

Whitney 6 oz.
Yogurt **2/79c**

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Margarine **99c**

Borden American 12 oz.
Singles **\$1.59**

Breakstone 24 oz.
Cottage Cheese **1.49**

Land-O-Lakes 1 lb. bowl
Soft Magarine **99c**

Francesco Rinaldi Spaghetti qt.
Sauce **\$1.39**

Our Value 100's
Tea Bags **69c**

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Cake Mix **79c**

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Crab Soup or
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Peanuts **\$2.19**

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Nabisco 1 lb.
Ritz Crackers **\$1.89**

Purina 25 lb.
Dog Chow **\$6.99**

Coronet Sparkle Jumbo
Paper Towels **69c**

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Salad Dressings **79c**

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Juice **\$1.59**

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